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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced today that Dr. Abdorasool Janati, age 56, and his wife, Forouzandeh Janati, age 55, of Great Falls, Virginia, operators of the Neurological Institute of Northern Virginia, were indicted today by a federal grand jury in the Eastern District of Virginia on one count of conspiracy and 61 counts of health care fraud for devising a scheme to defraud government and private insurance plans. The indictment alleges that the Janatis inflated their invoices and billed for services not rendered.

If convicted, the Janatis face a maximum prison term of 315 years (10 years for the conspiracy charge and 5 years for each of the 61 fraud counts).

Dr. Janati, a Neurologist, was the primary physician at the Neurological Institute of Northern Virginia, with offices in Woodbridge and Alexandria, Virginia. Mrs. Janati functioned as the office manager at the Institute. The Neurological Institute operated as a health care clinic and was engaged in the business of providing neurological testing and evaluations to patients.

The indictment makes the following allegations: many of Dr. Janati's patients came to see him for brief office visits. Dr. and Mrs. Janati, however, caused claims to be submitted to the patients' insurance companies which falsely indicated that Dr. Janati conducted comprehensive office visits, during which a physician performs, among other things, a comprehensive medical examination and typically spends 40 minutes face-to-face with the patients.

The Indictment further alleges that the Janatis caused the submission of insurance claims which falsely indicated that certain neurological procedures had been performed on patients when, in fact, such tests had not been performed.

In furtherance of their scheme, the Janatis altered patient billing and medical records. By fraudulently billing for services not rendered, they significantly increased their collections from their patients' insurance companies.

The case was investigated by the FBI, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General, and the U.S. Office of Personnel Management Office of Inspector General.

Assistant United States Attorneys Steve Linick and Thomas McQuillan are prosecuting the case